

MaasWacht

The practice of simply being there...



There is this trembling with the world, a trembling of the world - in which to build a place, or to be in a place, is to see that the landscape, the vegetation, the sea are characters as important as human beings. Their differences come into contact with one another. From there, you can build an aesthetic of solidarity with the environment, you can move towards being in communion with it.

M. Diawara, The Environment, E. Glissant, and the Poetics of Solidarity

Introducing a “new we”

Maas Lab is a collaboration between the river Maas, arts collective TAAT and artists platform SoAP. The Maas Lab research can be defined as exploring a “new we”: a new paradigm for a multispecies community. With, through and in the Maas we ask ourselves: how do we organise, collaborate and co-create as this new we? The experiential and embodied interaction with the Maas is at the very core of Maas Lab. Maas Lab is an experiment, a serious attempt to **do** the new we.

MaasWacht

The MaasWacht (english, Wake or Watch) offers an opportunity to make a very personal and individual connection with the Maas and to practice ‘being there’. Practically this means that one human being will be ‘on Maas Wacht’ every day for 365 executive days, starting October 1st 2023. The MaasWacht will have 6 different locations, which in order follow the Maas downstream within Limburg. Each location will also host an artist in residence and a “Polyphonic Assembly”.

The invitation

People ‘on MaasWacht’ are invited to just be there with and for the Maas. Being ‘on MaasWacht’ is about being present, being there, being with. It allows for a personal exploration of the new we and for practicing the ‘ecosystem of care’. You taking care of the river. The river taking care of you. You taking care of the next person waking. The Maas, TAAT and SoAP taking care of the Maas Wacht. Even though we welcome your feedback, initiative and/or any creative expression, there is no need to produce any result. Really.

How to become a MaasWacht?

Write an email to maaswacht@gmail.com. Tell us a little bit about yourself, why you want to do the MaasWacht and how many nights you want to stay (minimum 2, maximum 6) as well as your preferred dates (if possible, please give multiple options). We offer you a place to stay, close to the river, with a kitchen, bathroom and bed,. All free of charge. We ask you to bring your own bedsheets, food and what else you think you might need. Once you send us an email you will receive more detailed information. We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

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